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In re Application of:)	
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For: Multi-Mode LED Indicators For)	
Recording Devices)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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- ☐ A copy of the foreign search report is enclosed herewith.
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US Patent Documents								
Examiner's Initials		Date	Document Number	Name	Class	Sub- Class	Filing Date	
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		11/07/89	4,879,751	Franks et al.	381	119	06/24/87	
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		06/30/98	5,774,566	Huber et al.	381	119	12/11/95	
		10/26/93	5,257,317	Stavrou	381	119	08/31/89	
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